

Surgical approach to Acute Type A Aortic Dissection

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Outline

- Surgical repair of acute type A dissection
 - Challenges
 - Brain / heart management
 - Proximal / distal extent of resection
- Intraoperative TEE guidance

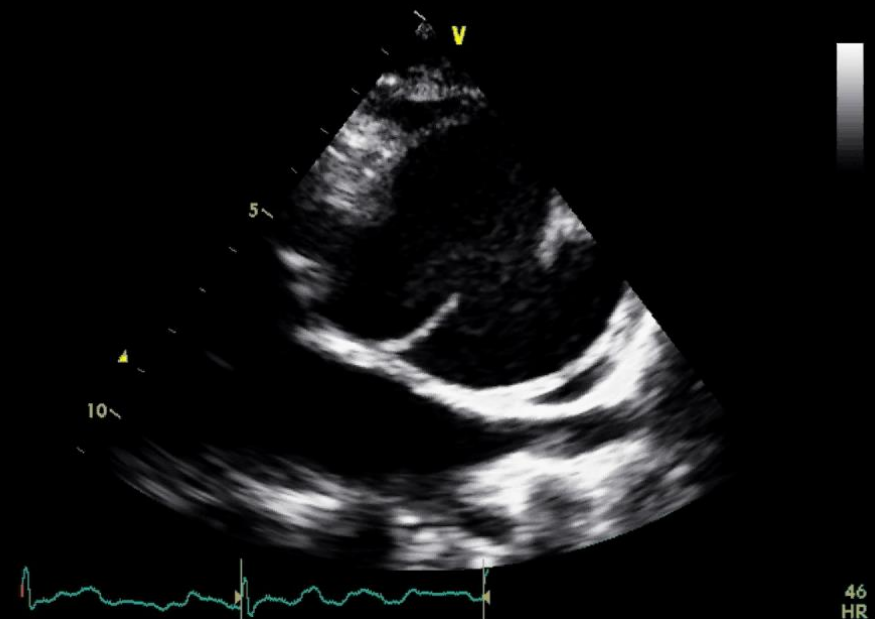
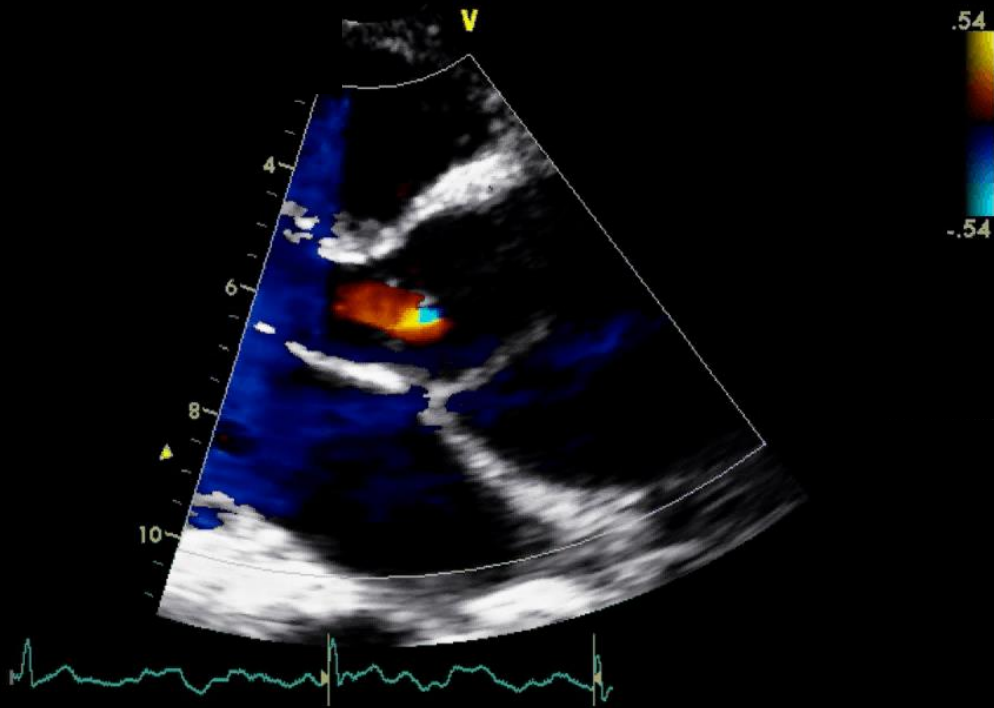


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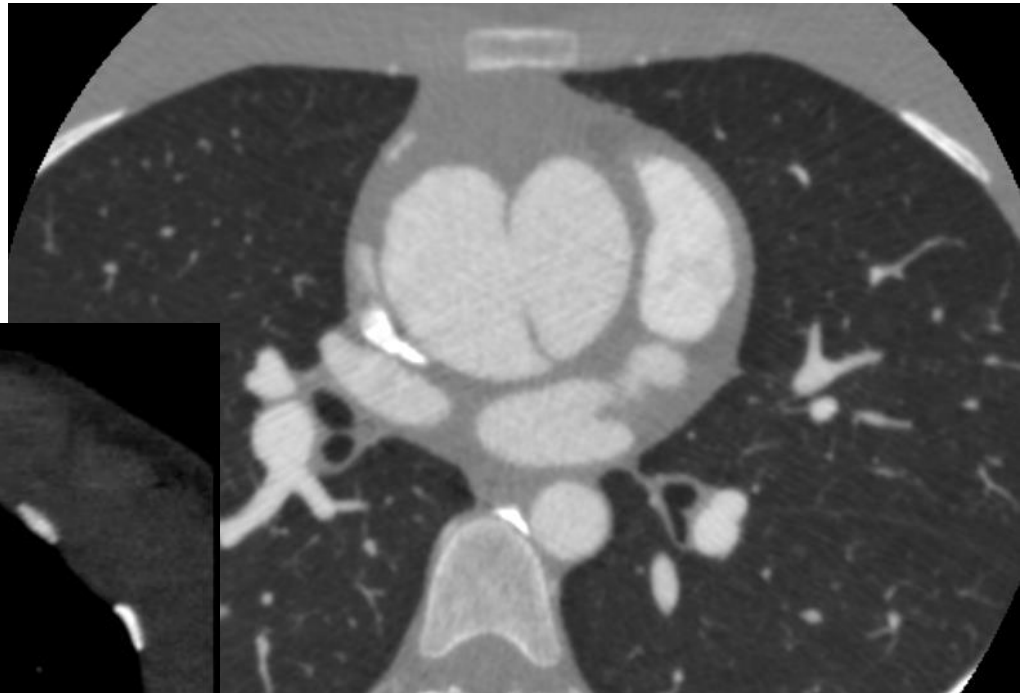
- 27 year old
 - MYH11 mutation
 - Mother had type A dissection at age 41
- Presents to local ER twice over a span of 3 days with severe chest pain
 - Felt to be MSK > D/C home without imaging
- Routine echo scheduled 3 weeks later

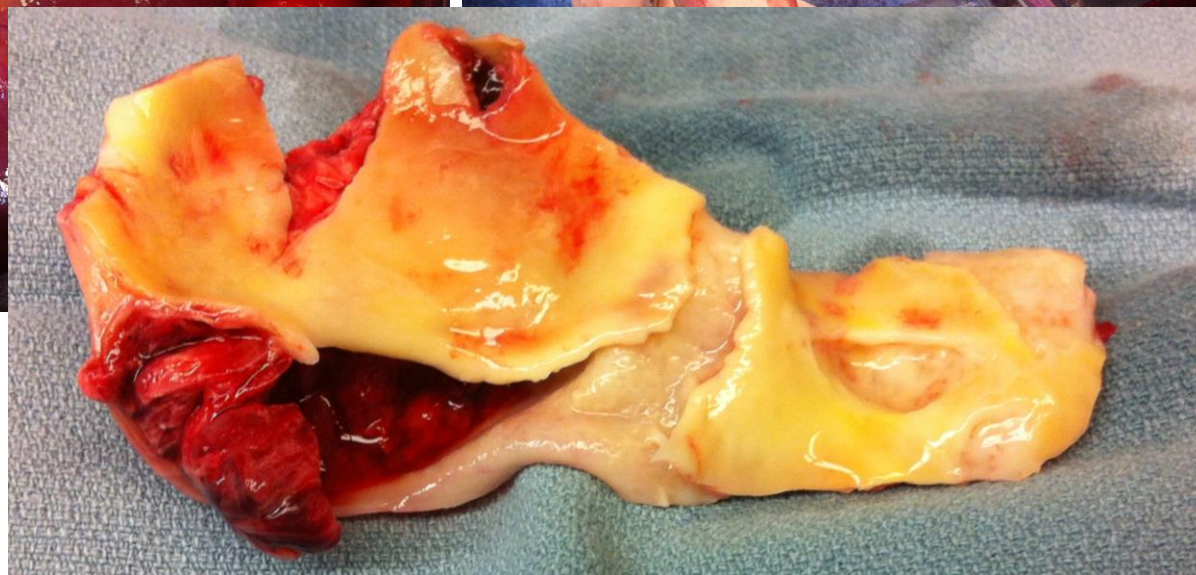
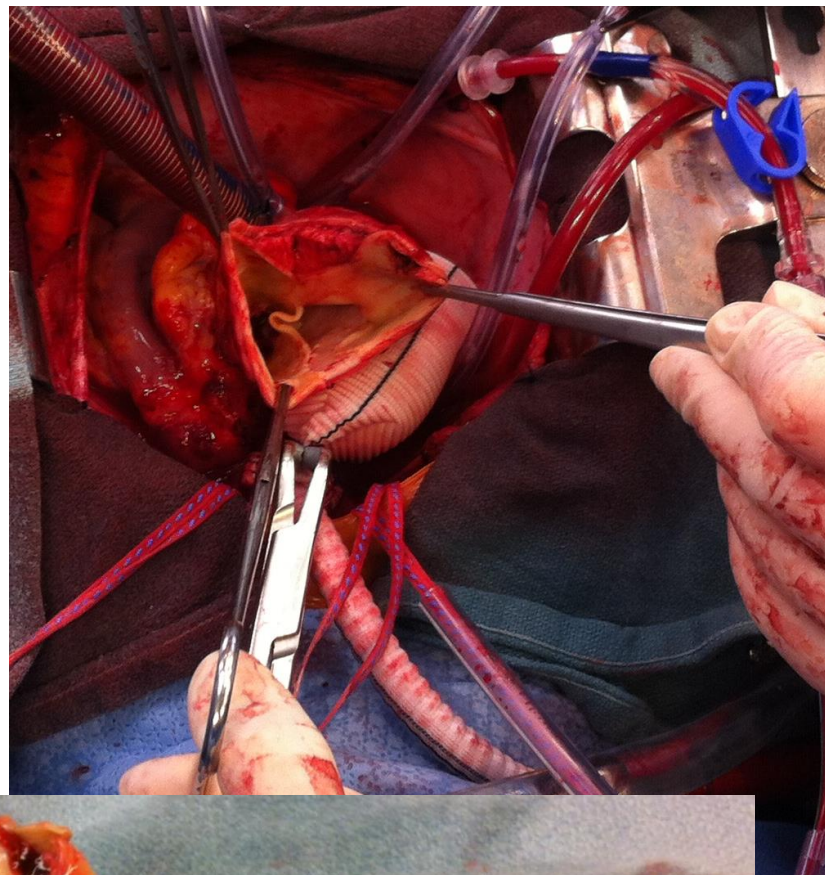
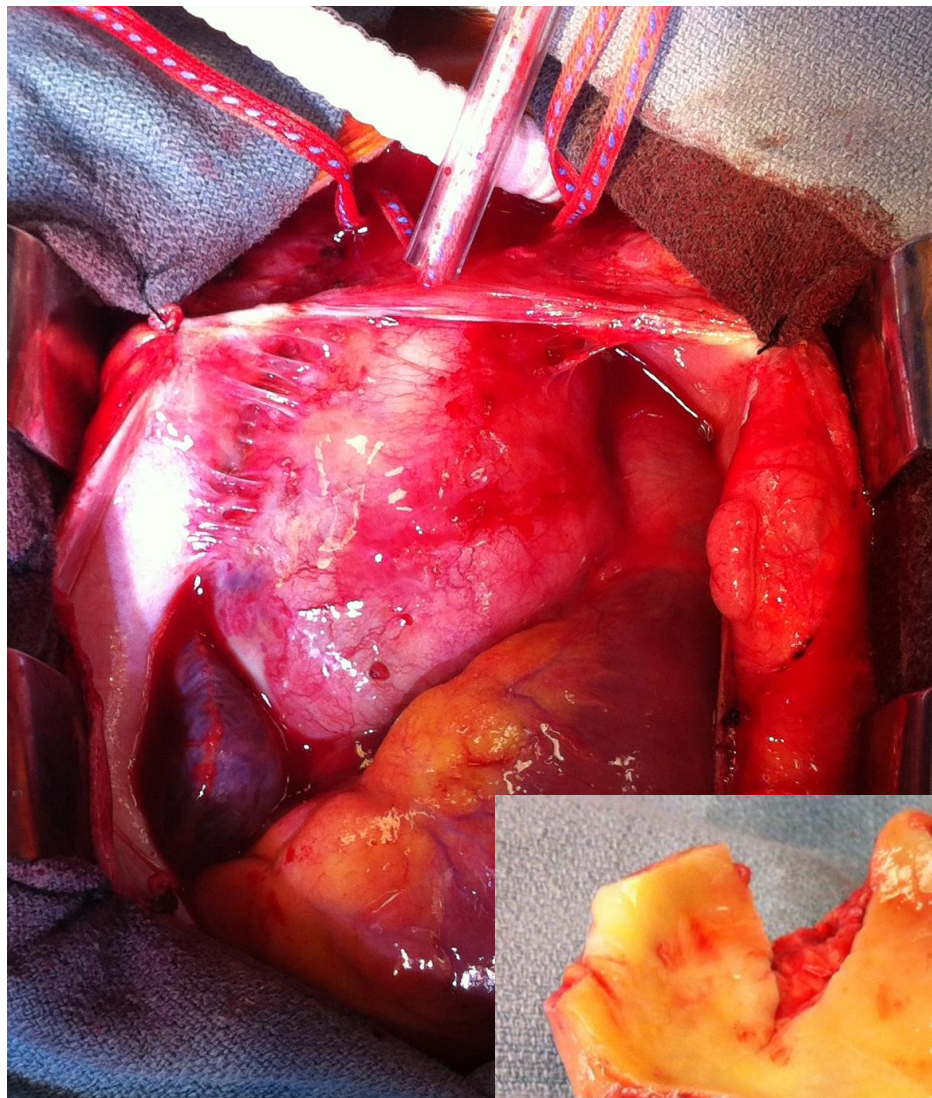
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Routine TTE



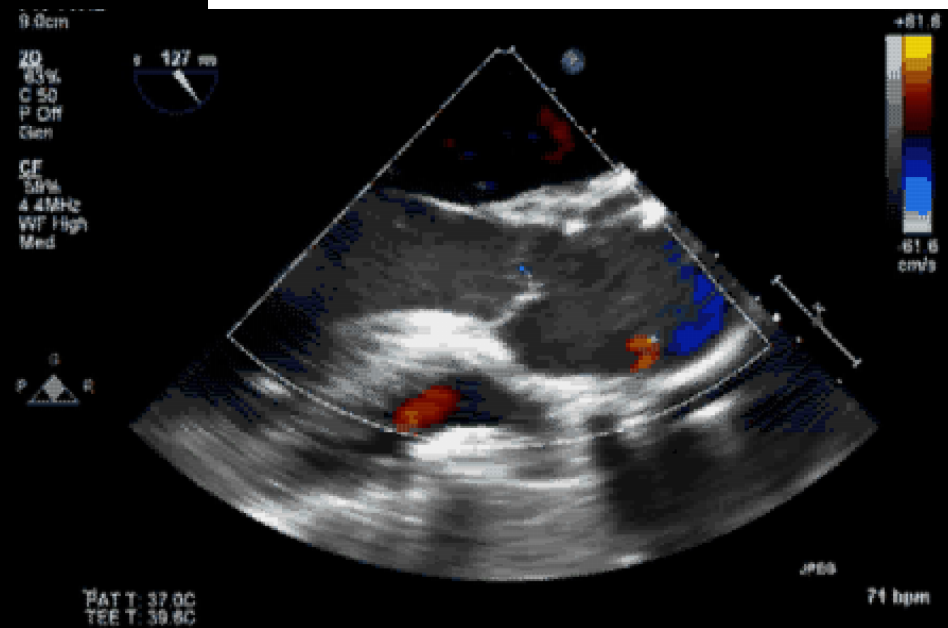
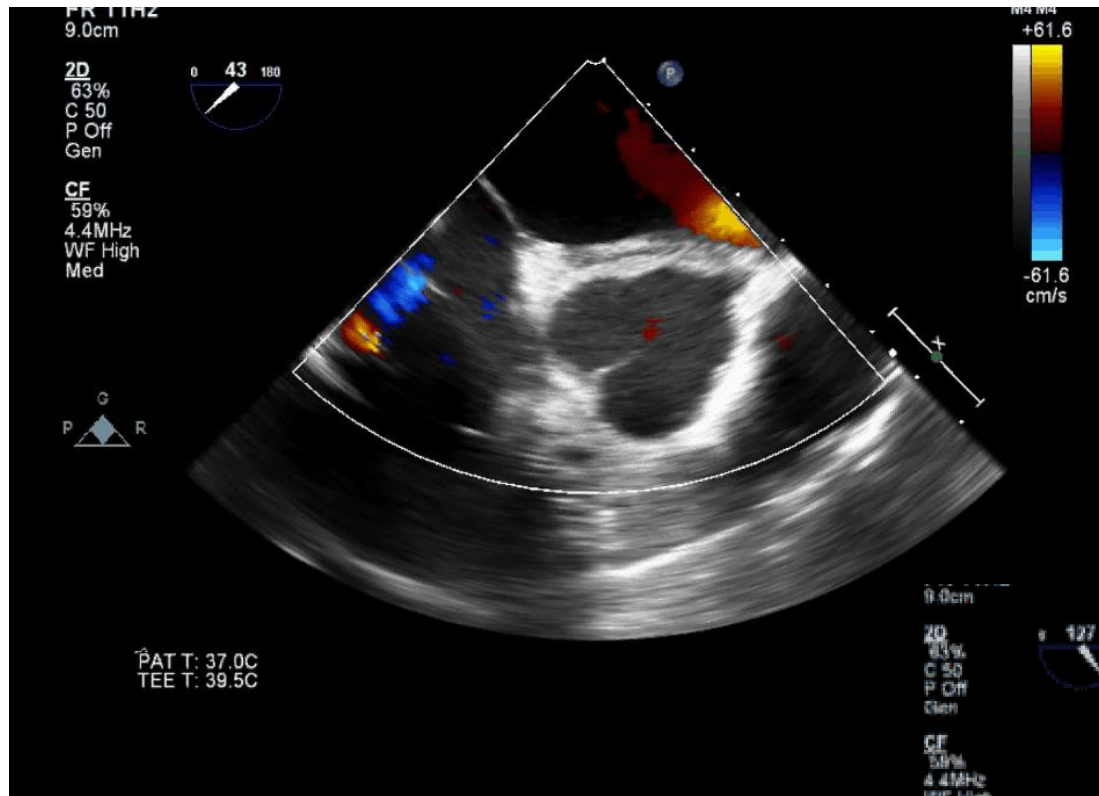
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Post-pump TEE



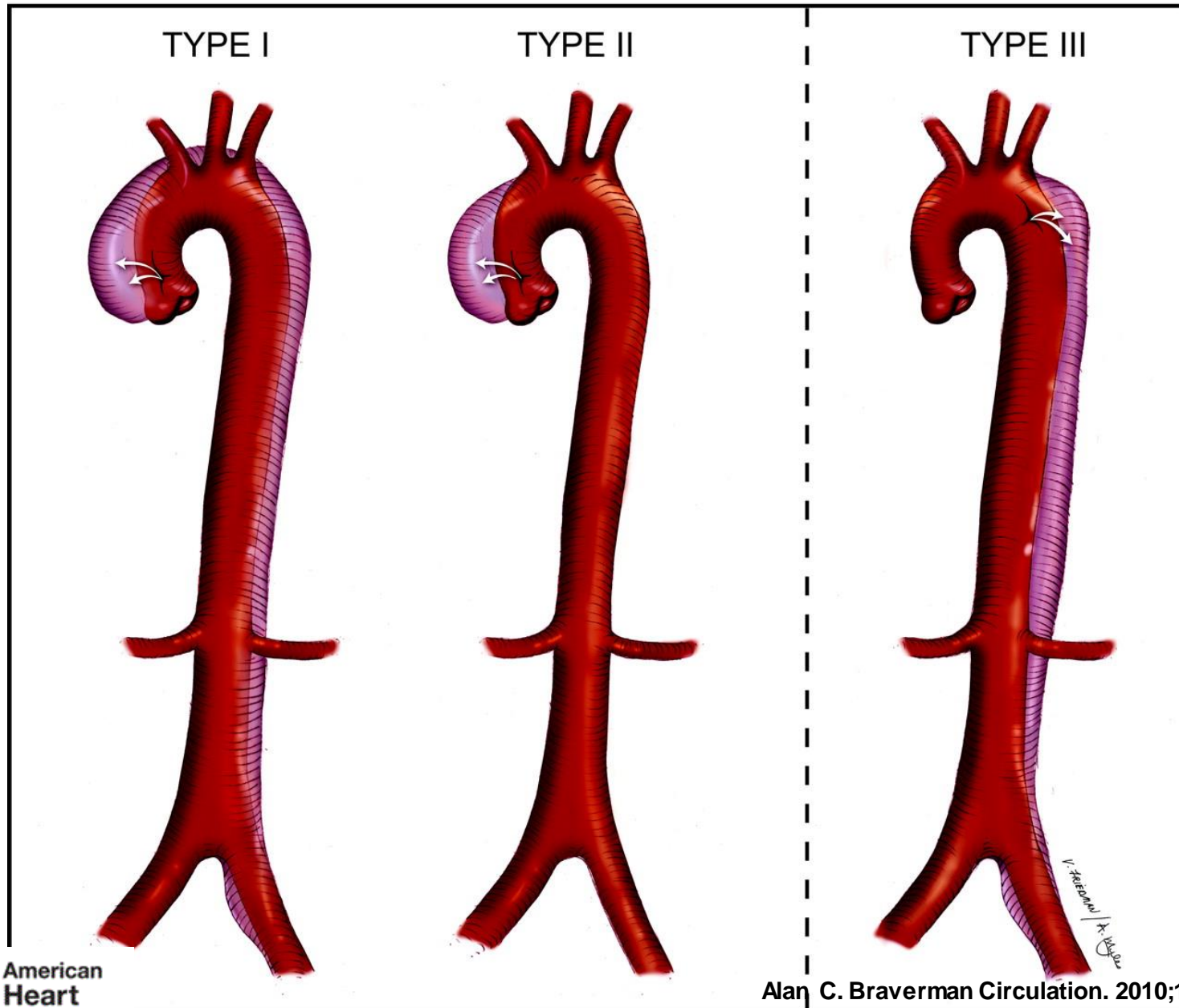
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- Post-op course uneventful
- 3-year follow-up
- No AI
- Aortic root and arch unremarkable



TYPE A

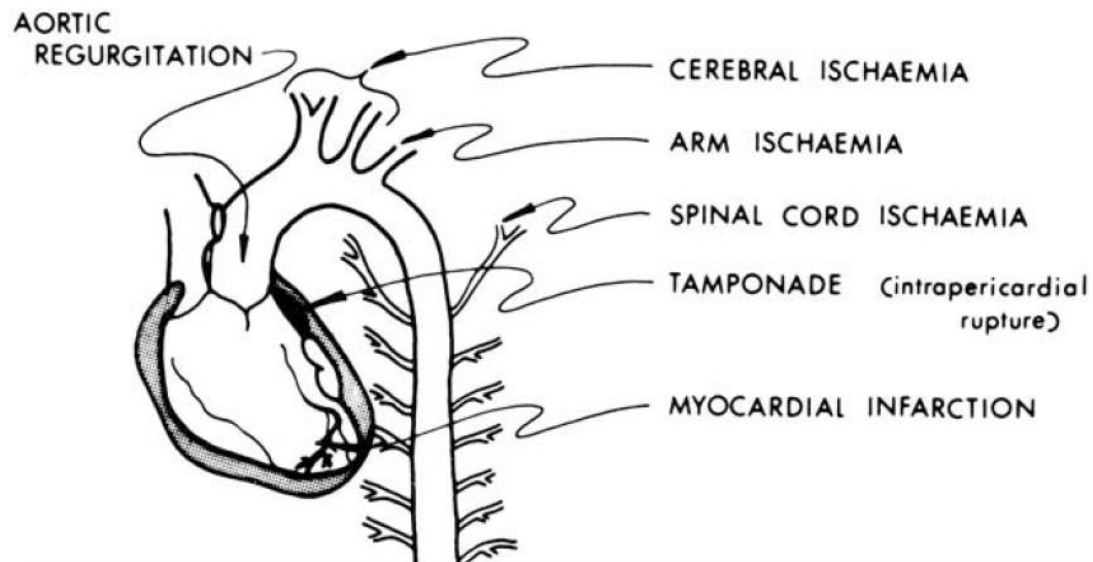
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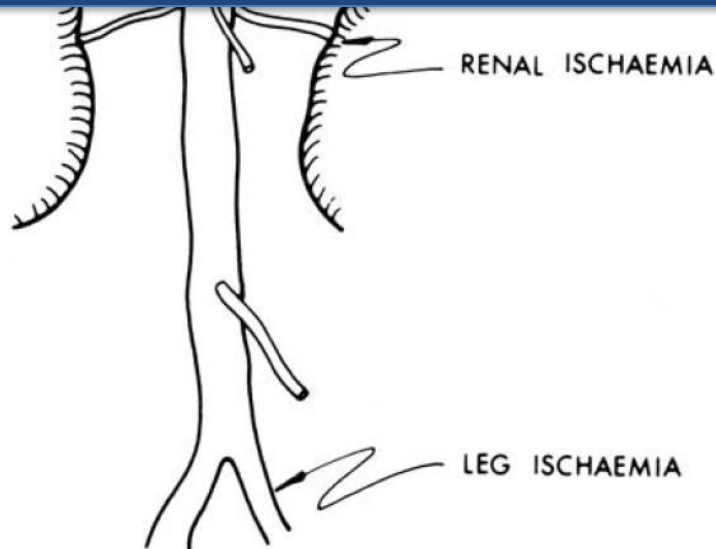
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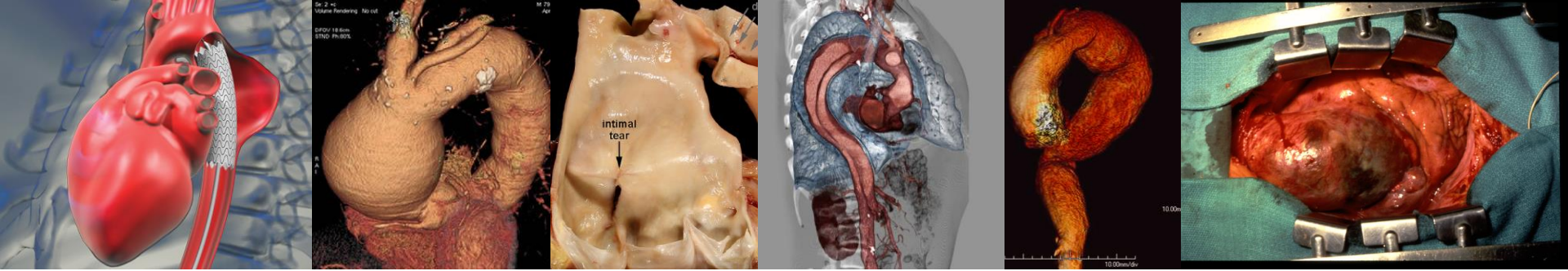
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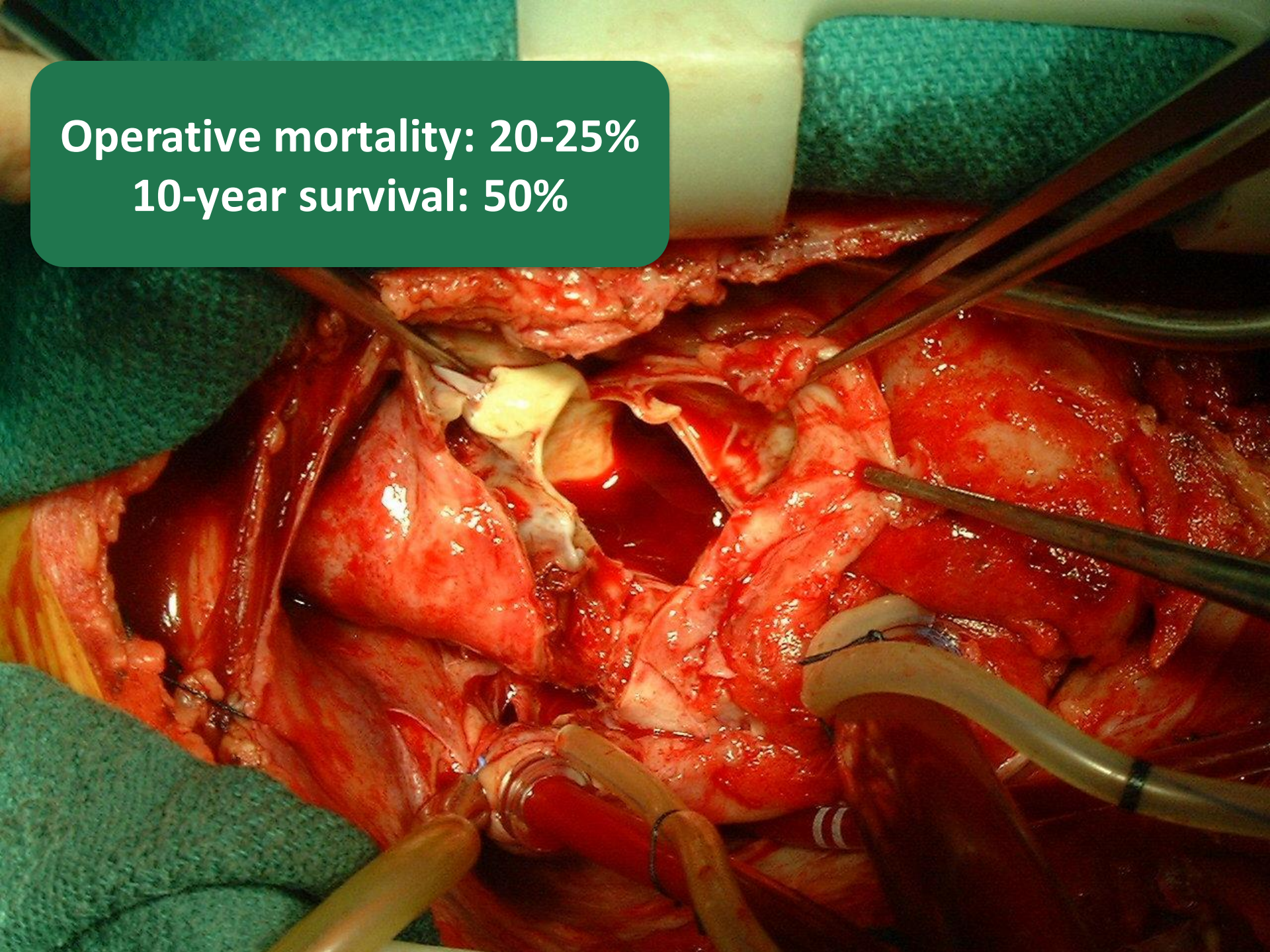
Perfusion of ALL organs may be affected





Surgical challenges

Operative mortality: 20-25%
10-year survival: 50%



Early mortality

With malperfusion: 30%
Without malperfusion: 6%

Prevalence of preoperative malperfusion: 33%

TABLE 2 Survival per Number of Pre-Operative Malperfused Organ Systems

Malperfused Organ Systems	Total	Survivors	Dead	Percent Dead per Group
None	1,420 (66.4)	1,241 (58.1)	179 (8.4)	12.6
1	494 (23.1)	389 (18.2)	105 (4.9)	21.3
2	139 (6.5)	96 (4.5)	43 (2.0)	30.9
3	53 (2.5)	30 (1.7)	23 (1.1)	43.4

Values are n (%).

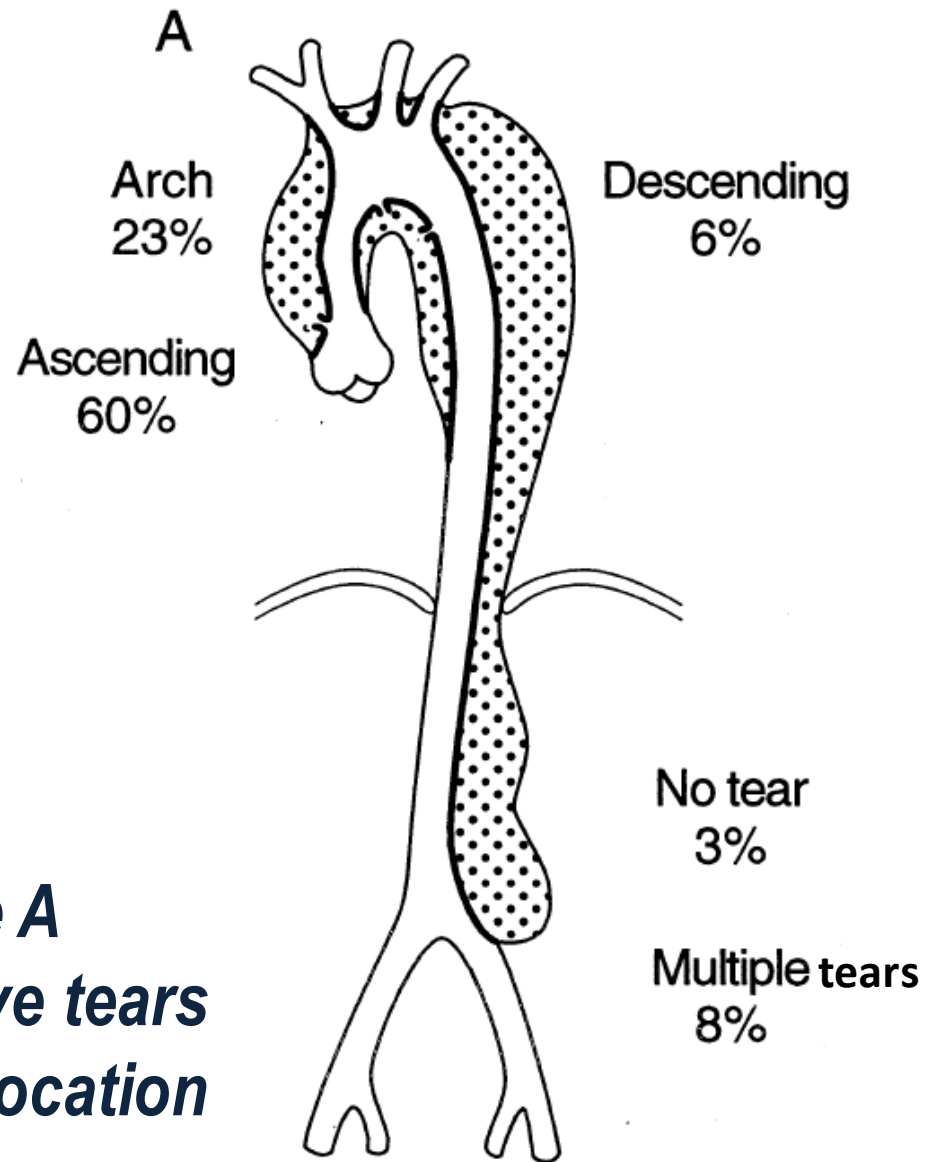
TABLE 10 Risk Factors for Death

	OR (95% CI)	p Value
Age	1.02 (1.01-1.03)	<0.001
Pre-operative peripheral malperfusion	1.43 (1.01-2.01)	0.042
Affection of supra-aortic branches	1.47 (1.13-1.89)	0.004
Pre-operative coronary malperfusion	1.61 (1.10-2.31)	0.012
Pre-operative spinal malperfusion	2.18 (1.11-4.28)	0.027
Primary entry tear in descending aorta	2.84 (1.37-5.59)	0.004
Pre-operative comatose state	3.42 (2.49-4.67)	<0.001
Post-operative cerebral malperfusion	2.18 (1.45-3.24)	<0.001
Post-operative visceral malperfusion	3.24 (1.94-5.35)	<0.001
Post-operative coronary malperfusion	9.54 (4.62-20.69)	<0.001

Abbreviations as in Table 4.

***Location of
Originating
Tear:
Acute Type A
Aortic
Dissection***

***40% of acute Type A
dissection cases involve tears
other than the classic location***



Lansman *Ann Thorac Surg* 1999
Mt. Sinai 12-year Experience

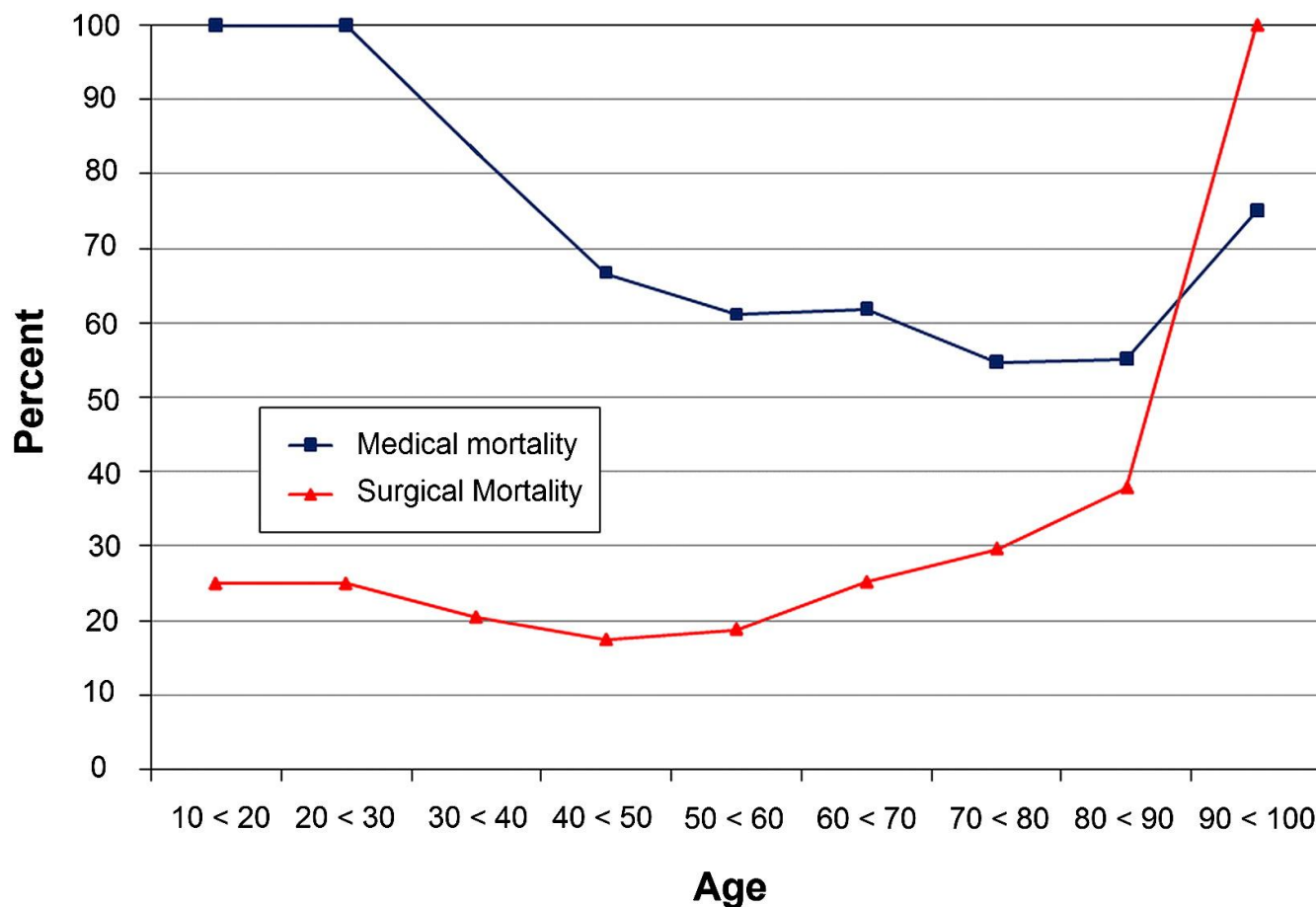
Surgical decision points: Type A Repair

- Operate?
- Cannulation
- Temperature
- Clamping
- Heart protection
- Brain protection
- Proximal extent of resection
- Distal extent of resection

Operate?

- ***Almost*** everyone with a type A dissection should have an operation
- Considerations
 - Age?
 - Stroke?
 - CPR?
 - Limited life expectancy?

Role of age in acute type A aortic dissection outcome: Report from the International Registry of Acute Aortic Dissection (IRAD)



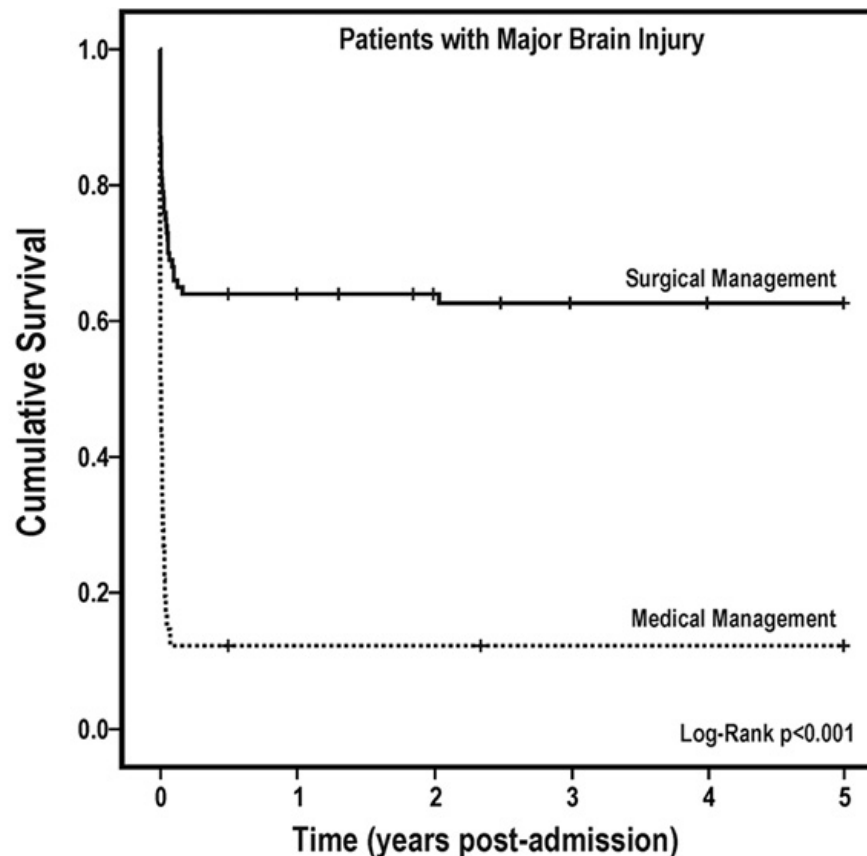
Brain Injury and Type A Dissection

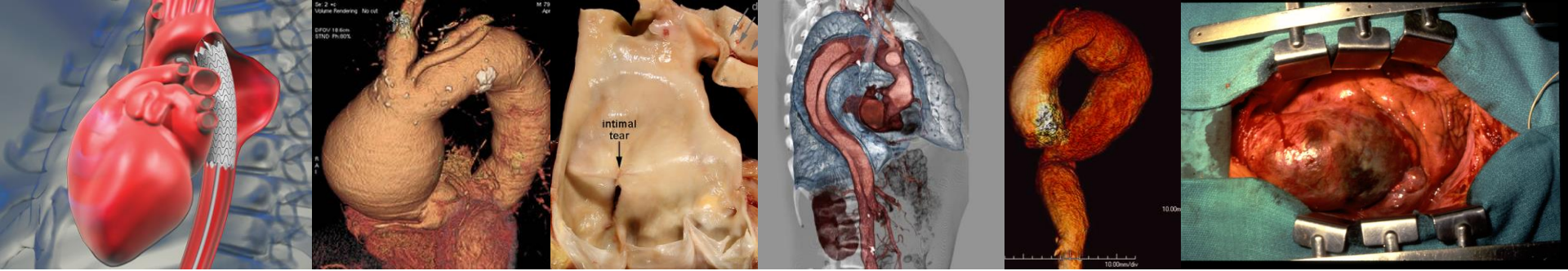
Brain injury reversal: **80.4% and 74.2%** of surgically treated stroke and coma cases, respectively

Outcome	CVA			Coma		
	Medical	Surgical	<i>P</i> value	Medical	Surgical	<i>P</i> value
Mortality	16 (76.2)	17 (27.0)	<.001	18 (100.0)	16 (44.4)	<.001
Discharged home	3 (21.4)	34 (61.8)	.007	0 (0.0)	17 (58.6)	<.001
CVA	NA	8 (15.7)		NA	3/31 (9.7)	
Coma	NA	2 (3.9)		NA	7/31 (22.6)	
Brain injury reversal	NA	4 (80.4)		NA	23/31 (74.2)	

Brain Injury and Type A Dissection

5-year survival significantly better with surgery

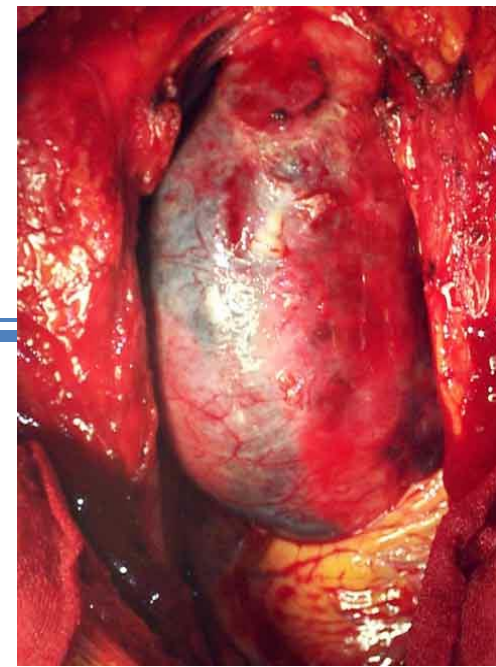




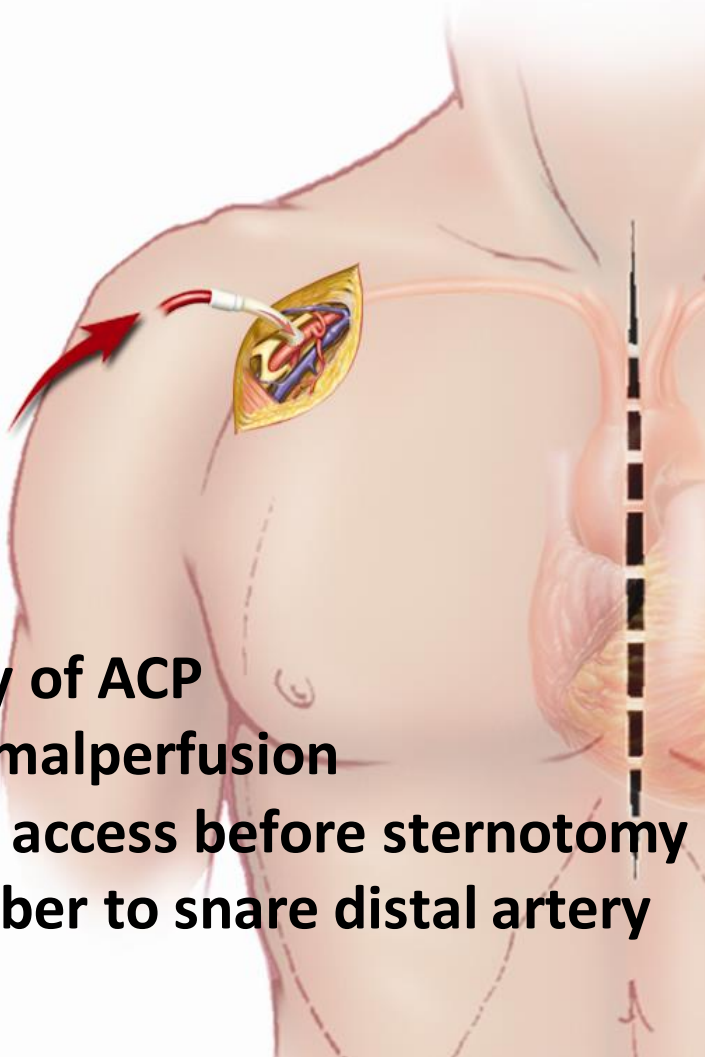
Conduct of procedure

Arterial cannulation

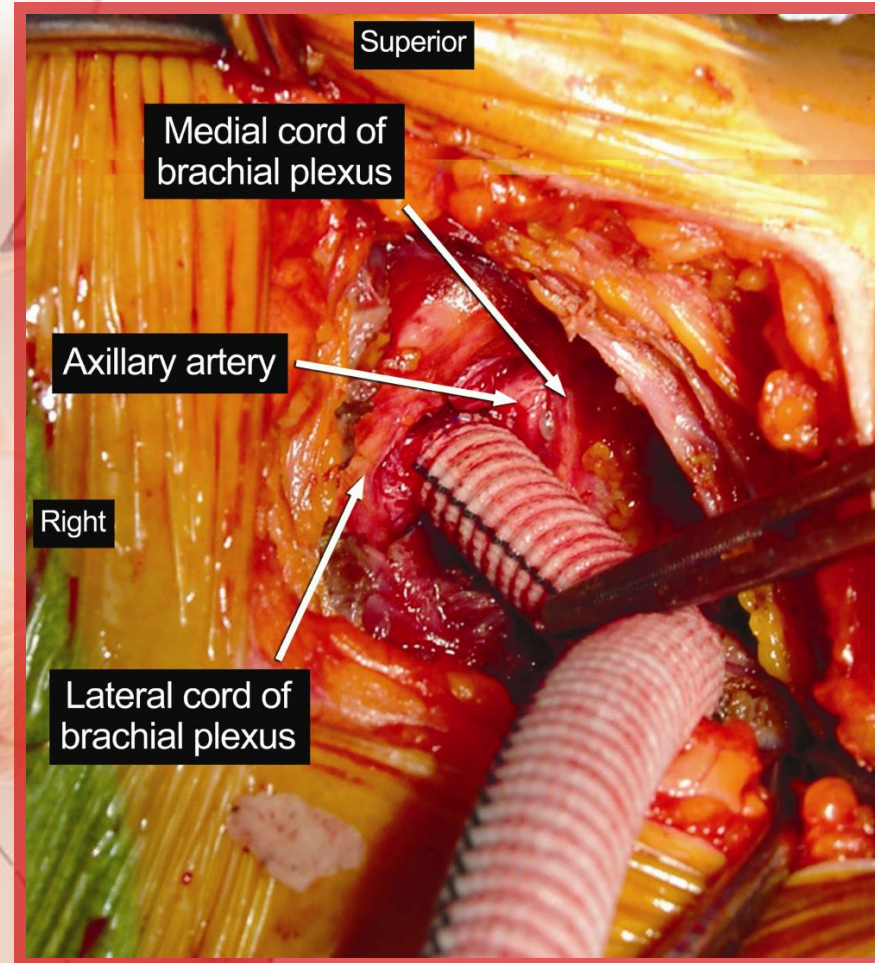
- Aorta or any large artery
 - Axillary, innominate, femoral, (carotid)
 - Direct cannulation of true lumen with seldinger + epiaortic US
- Monitor line pressures + true/false lumen flow on TEE when initiating CPB
 - Risk of malperfusion



Axillary artery cannulation



- **Delivery of ACP**
- **Avoids malperfusion**
- **Arterial access before sternotomy**
- **Remember to snare distal artery**



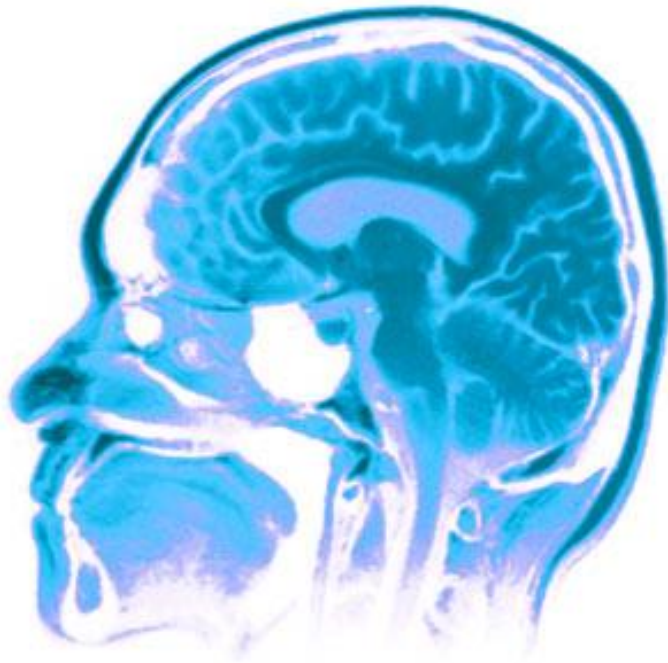


The diagram illustrates a surgical approach for aortic arch repair. A large, yellow, corrugated 'frozen elephant trunk' prosthesis is shown being inserted into the aorta. Surgical forceps are used to hold the incision open. The surrounding anatomy includes the aortic arch, major branches, and the heart. Blue lines with arrows point from the text list to specific features: the first arrow points to the trunk's entry point, the second points to the anastomosis site, and the third points to the aortic arch itself.

Innominate artery

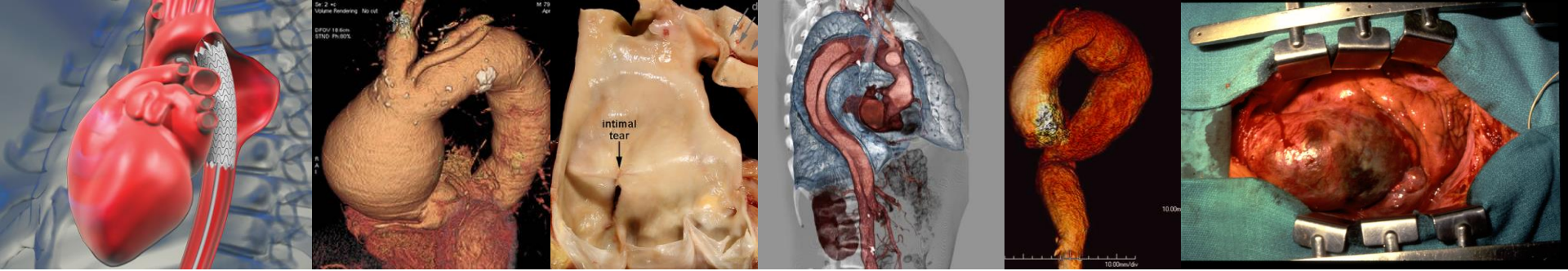
- Facilitates ACP
- Avoids 2nd incision
- Avoids local complications
- Must inspect CTA and artery directly

Brain protection



Cerebral protection

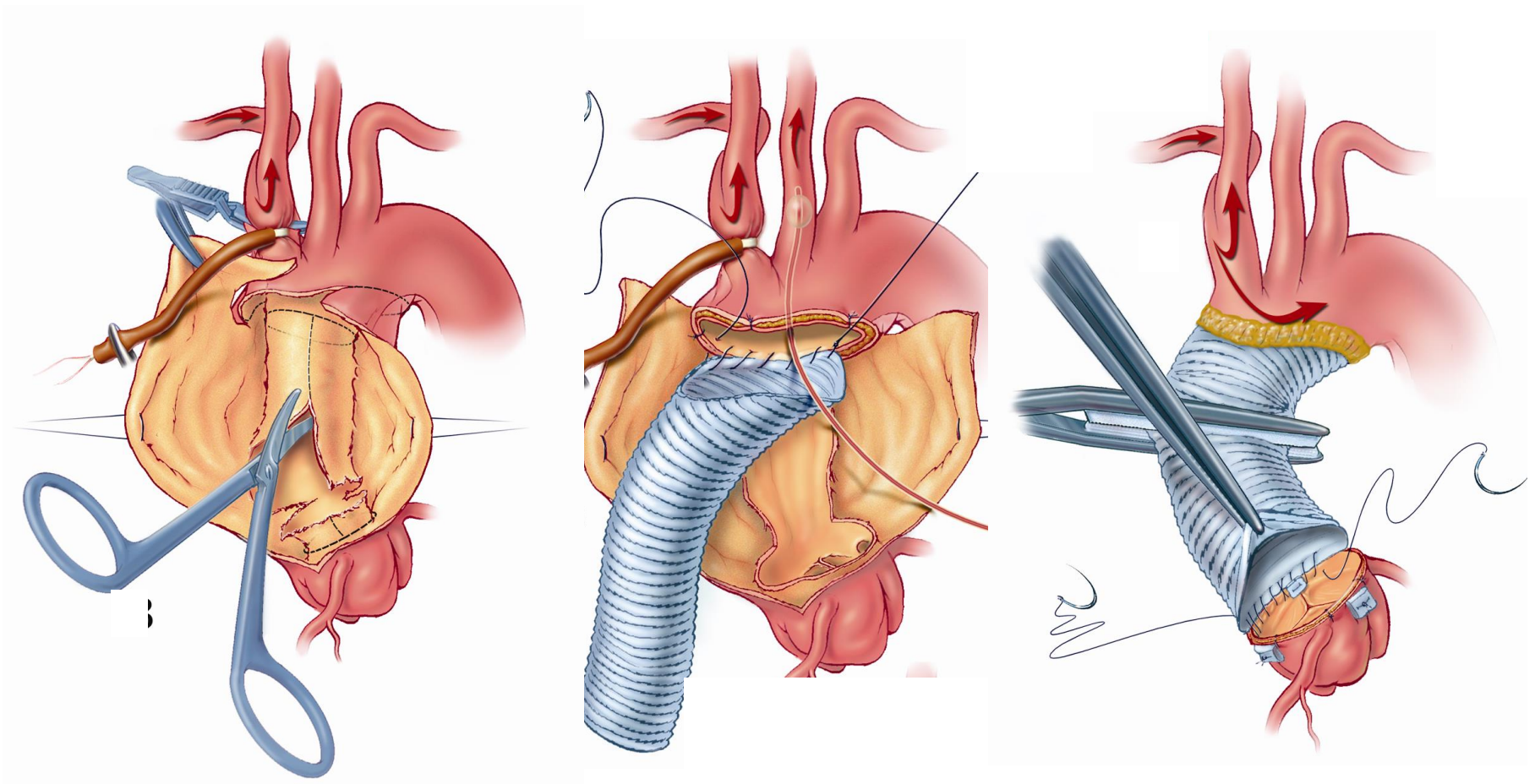
- Hypothermic circulatory arrest alone
- Retrograde cerebral perfusion
- Antegrade cerebral perfusion



Extent of resection

Standard type A repair

AKA Replacement of the ascending aorta with an open distal anastomosis



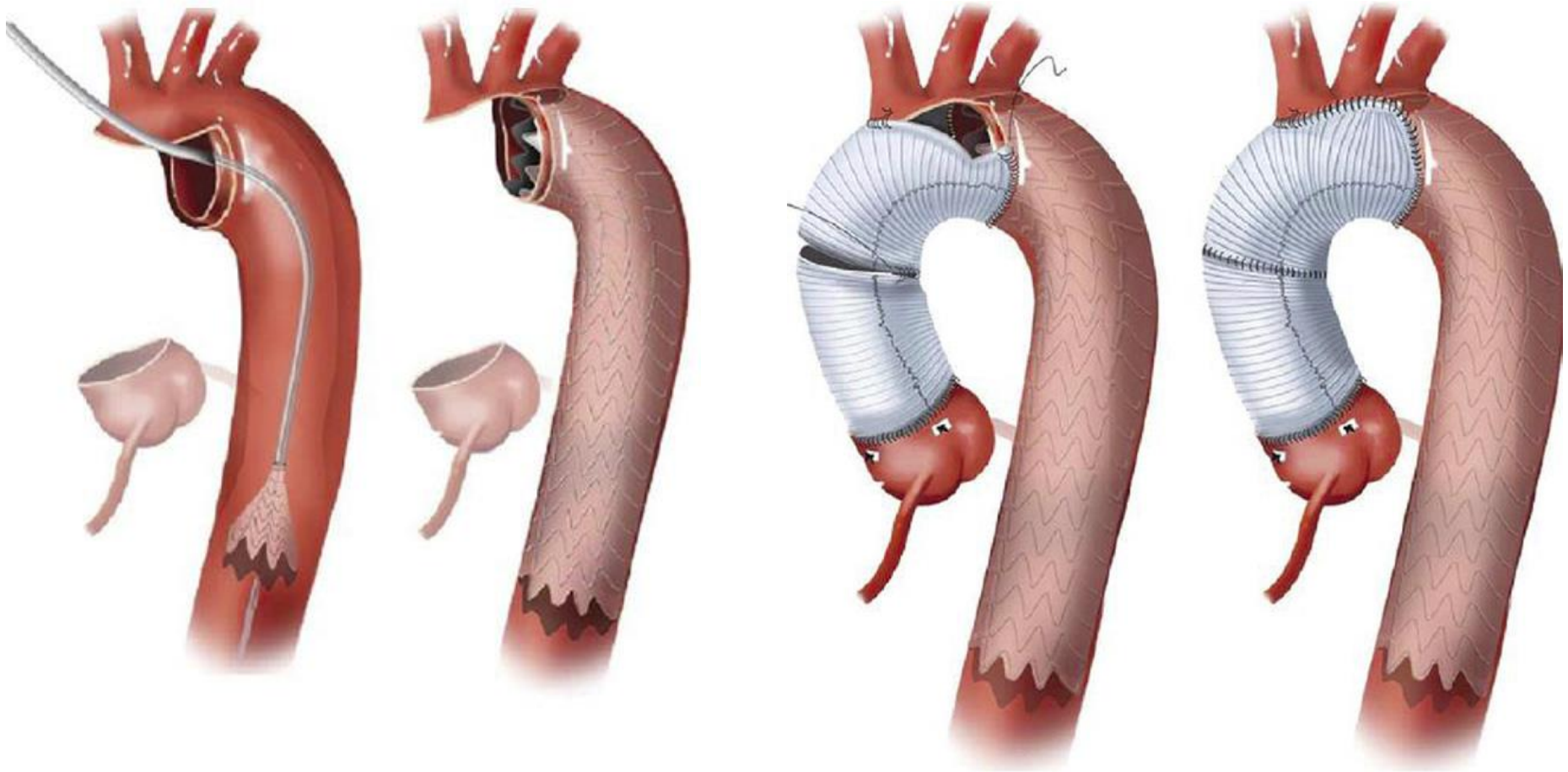
Root replacement

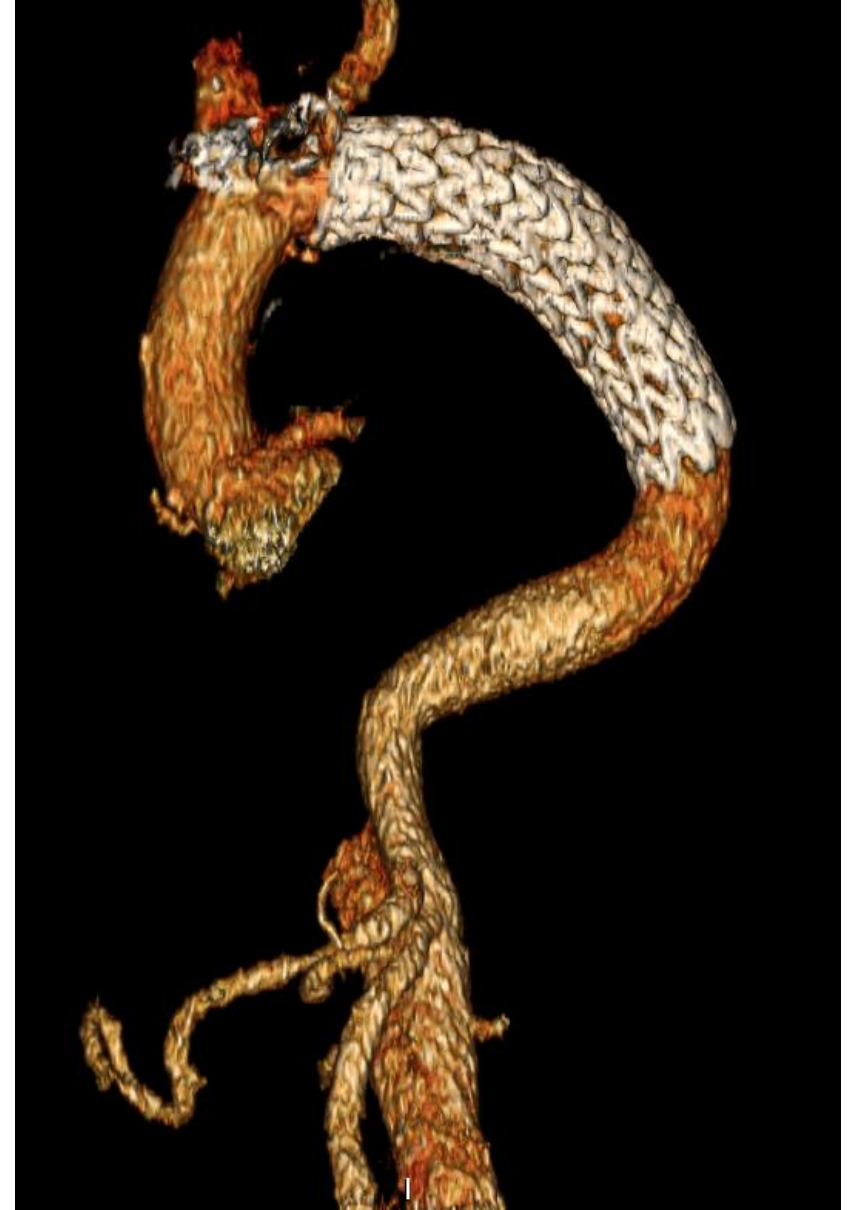
- Bentall vs valve-sparing root
- Indications to replace the root
 - Aneurysmal root
 - Tear in the root
- Also consider root replacement
 - Young
 - Genetically triggered aortopathies
 - Annuloaortic ectasia with severe AI

What about the distal aorta?

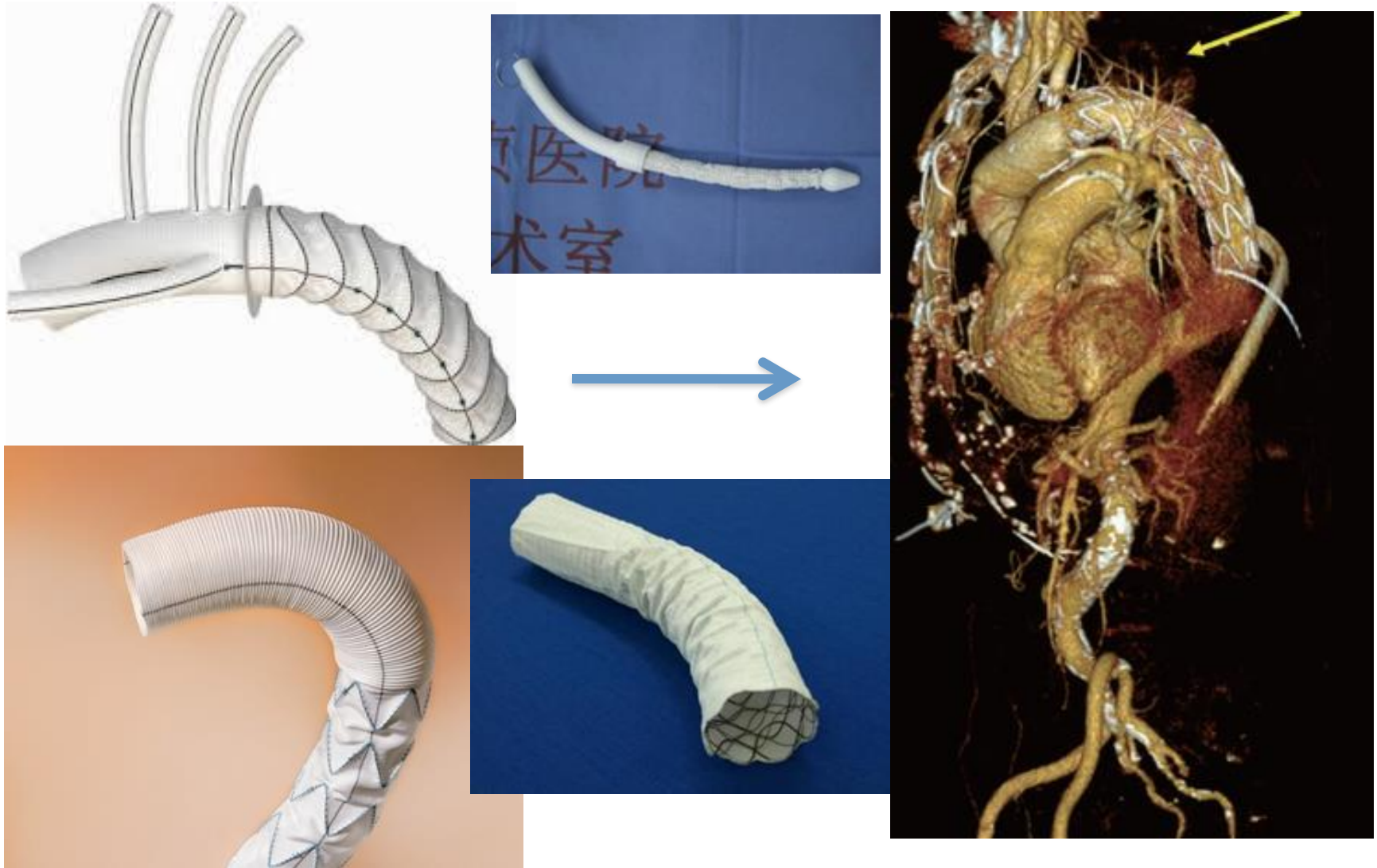
- Principles of extended distal repair
 - Seal tears extending beyond transverse arch
 - Expand distal true lumen and obliterate distal false lumen
- Potential to reduce
 - Early malperfusion and mortality
 - Late re-intervention and mortality

Hemi-arch with antegrade deployment of a standard TEVAR



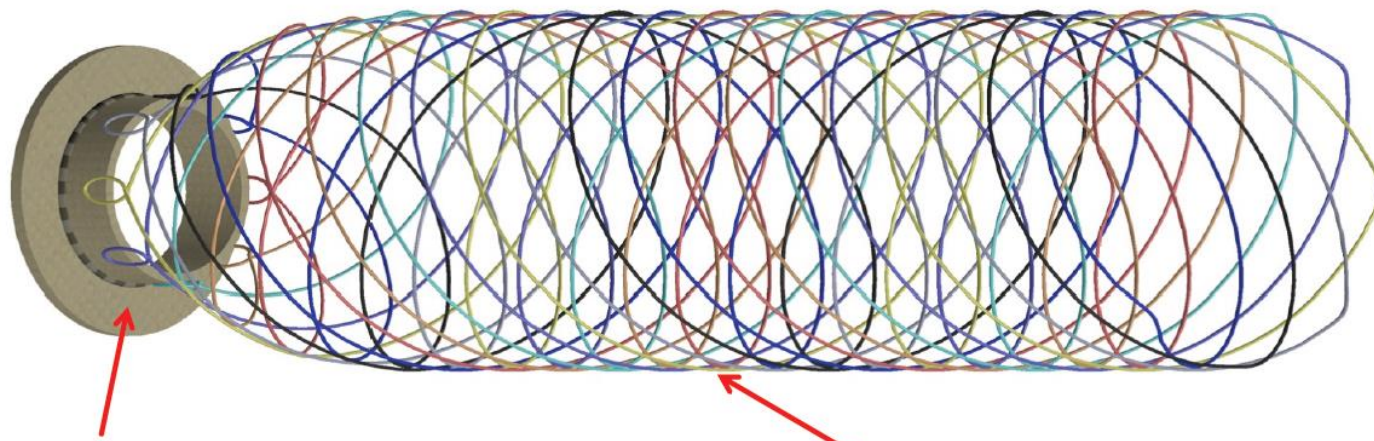


FET with total arch replacement



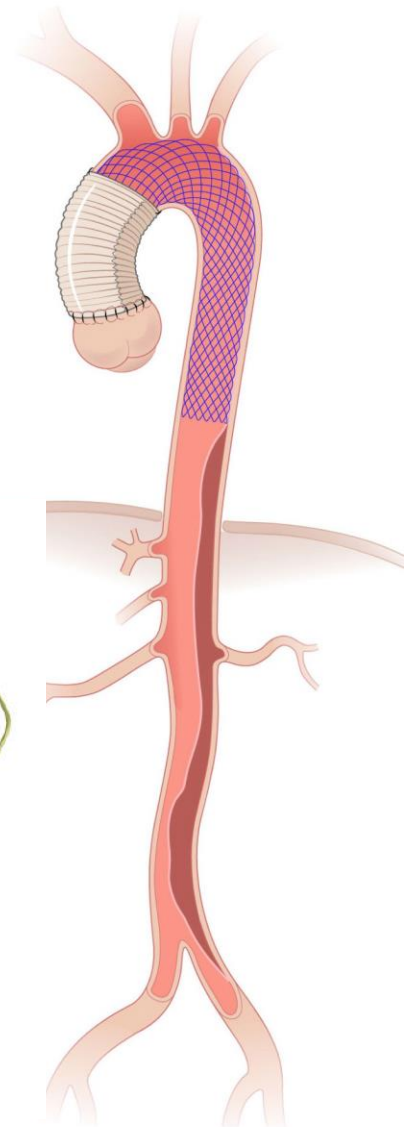
Ascyrus Medical (AMDS) Stent

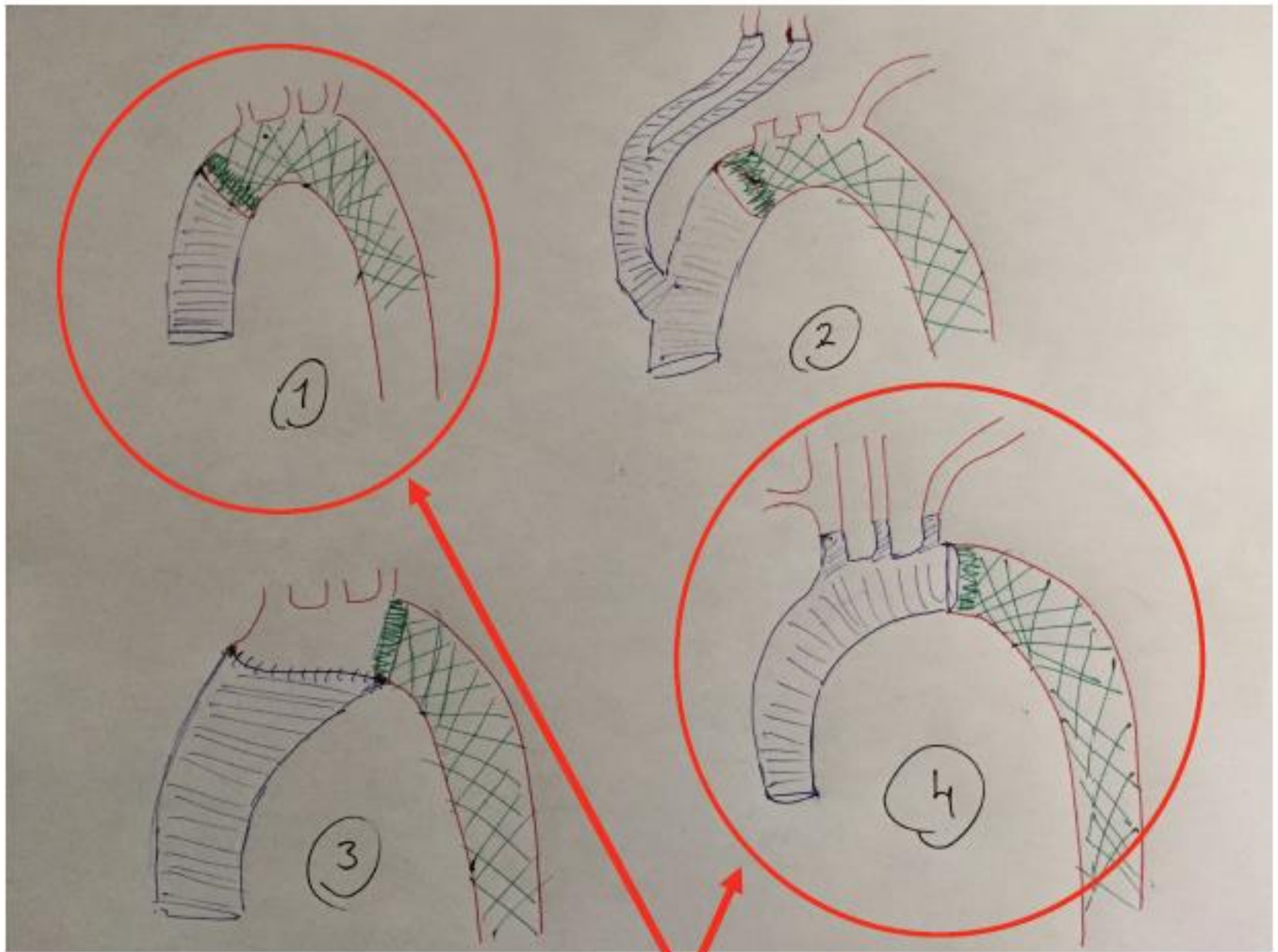
- Uncovered stent with proximal PTFE
- Very large wire crosses (up to 12mm) allow for flow to arch branches
- Adjunct to hemi-arch or total arch procedure



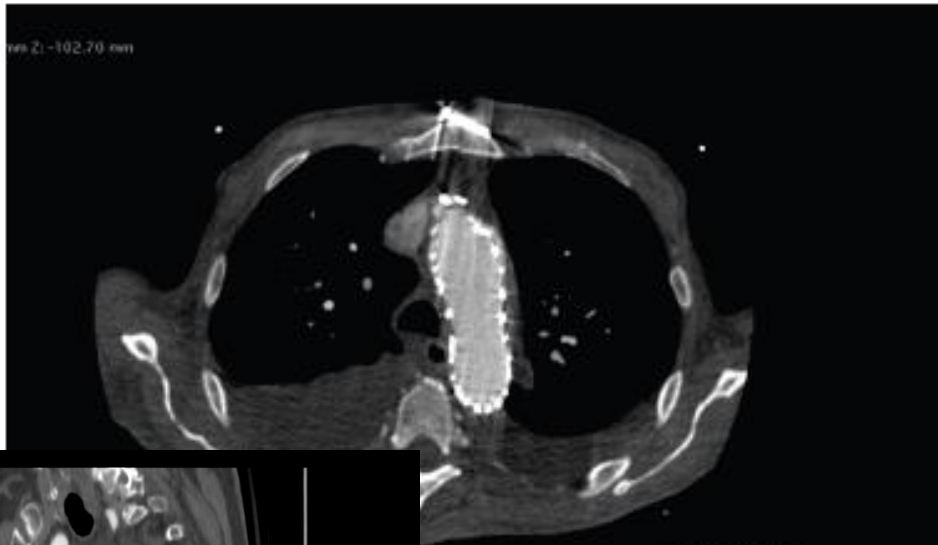
Proximal PTFE Graft Component

Distal Braided Stent Component (40mm/ 55mm- Straight and Tapered)





Most common implantation methods.



**Follow-up imaging
at 6 months**



Canadian Cardiovascular Society/Canadian Society of Cardiac Surgeons/Canadian Society for Vascular Surgery Joint Position Statement on Open and Endovascular Surgery for Thoracic Aortic Disease

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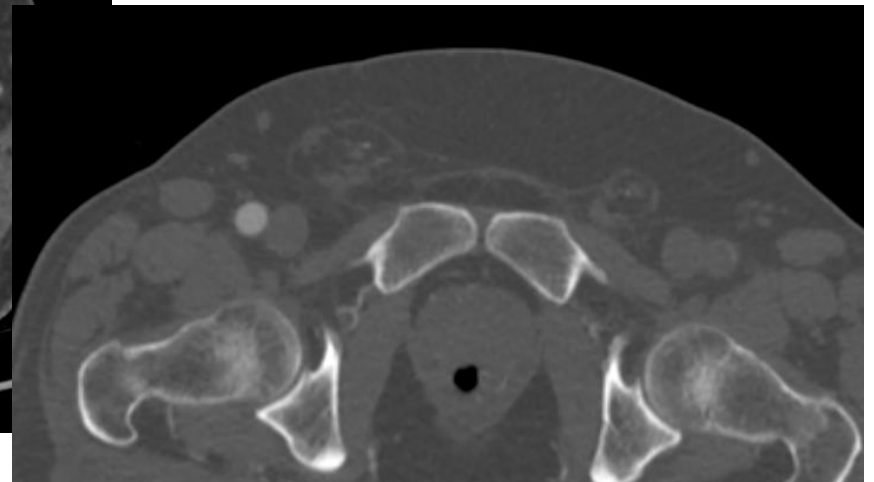
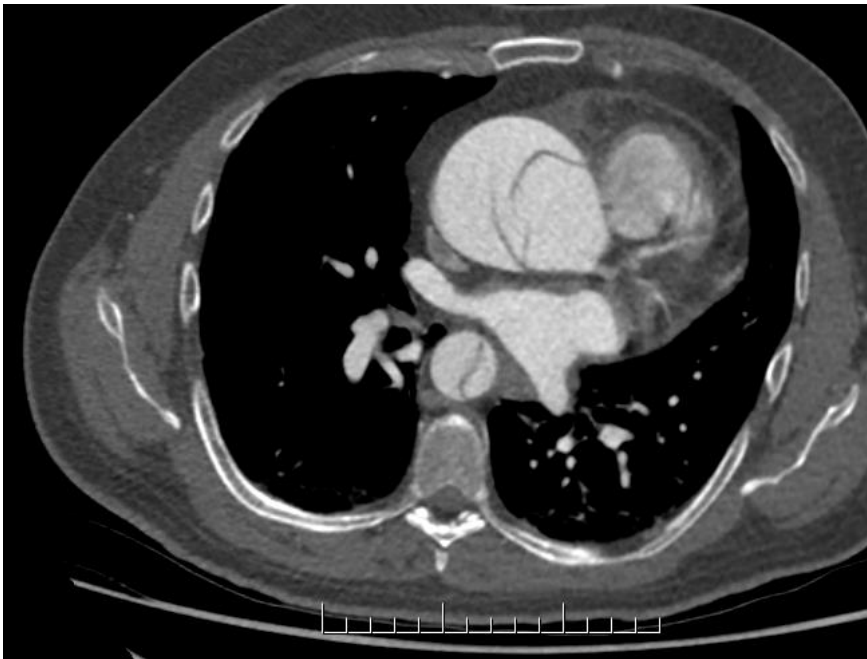
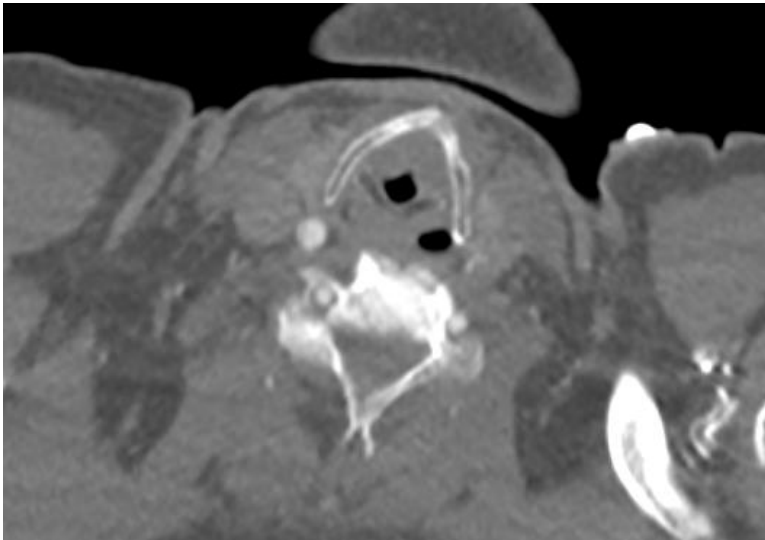
Patient selection: extended distal repair

- Aneurysmal arch
- Tear in the arch or descending
- Distal malperfusion
- Young / connective tissue disorder
- Concomitant descending thoracic aneurysm

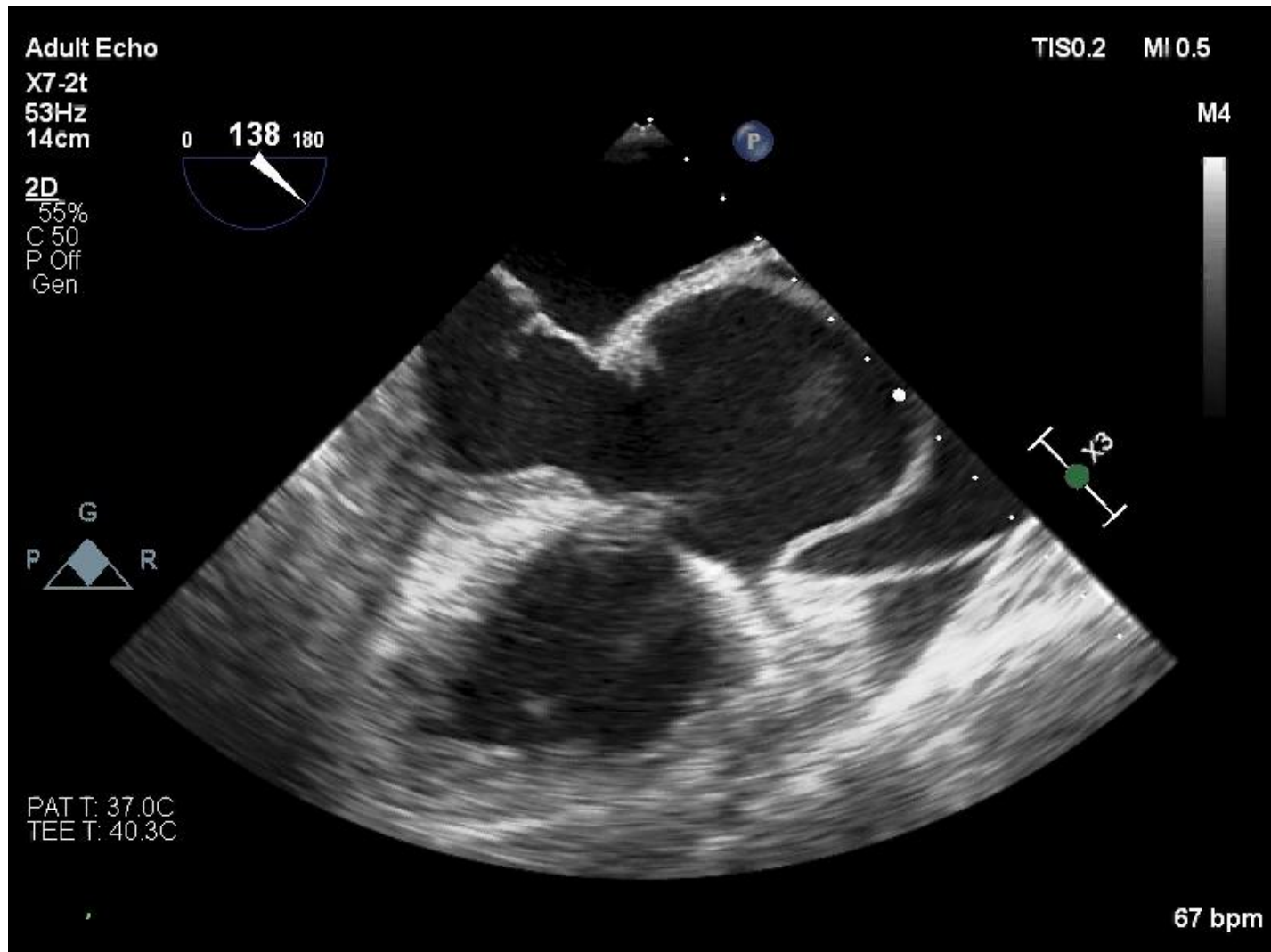
Case 2: Mr KJ

- 55 yo otherwise healthy male
- Developed chest pain then left leg tingling that led to ER visit – vascular consult
- Time from symptoms to assessment: 8 hrs
- On exam
 - Left leg ischemic but viable
 - No neuro deficits
 - Hemodynamics stable

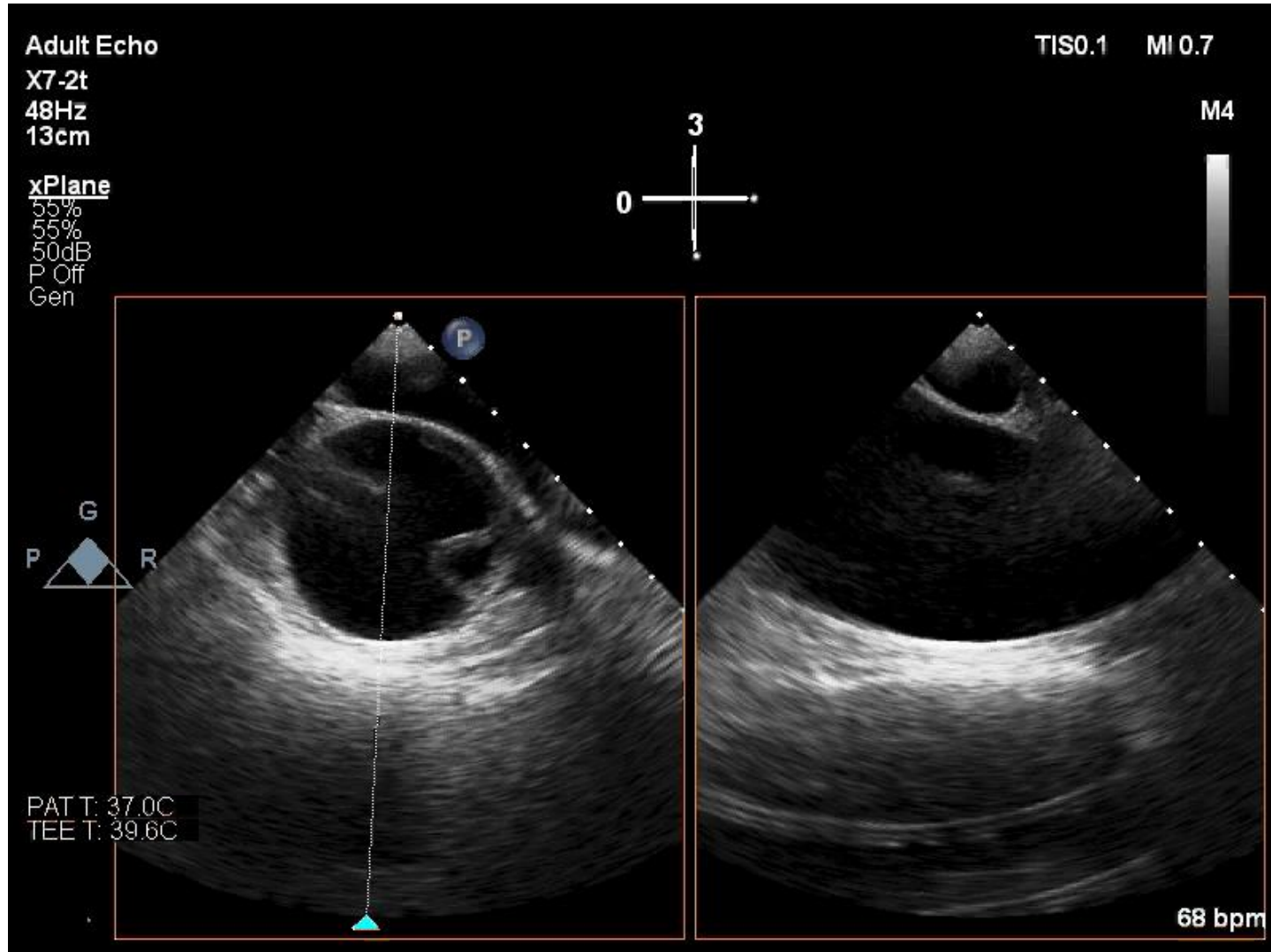
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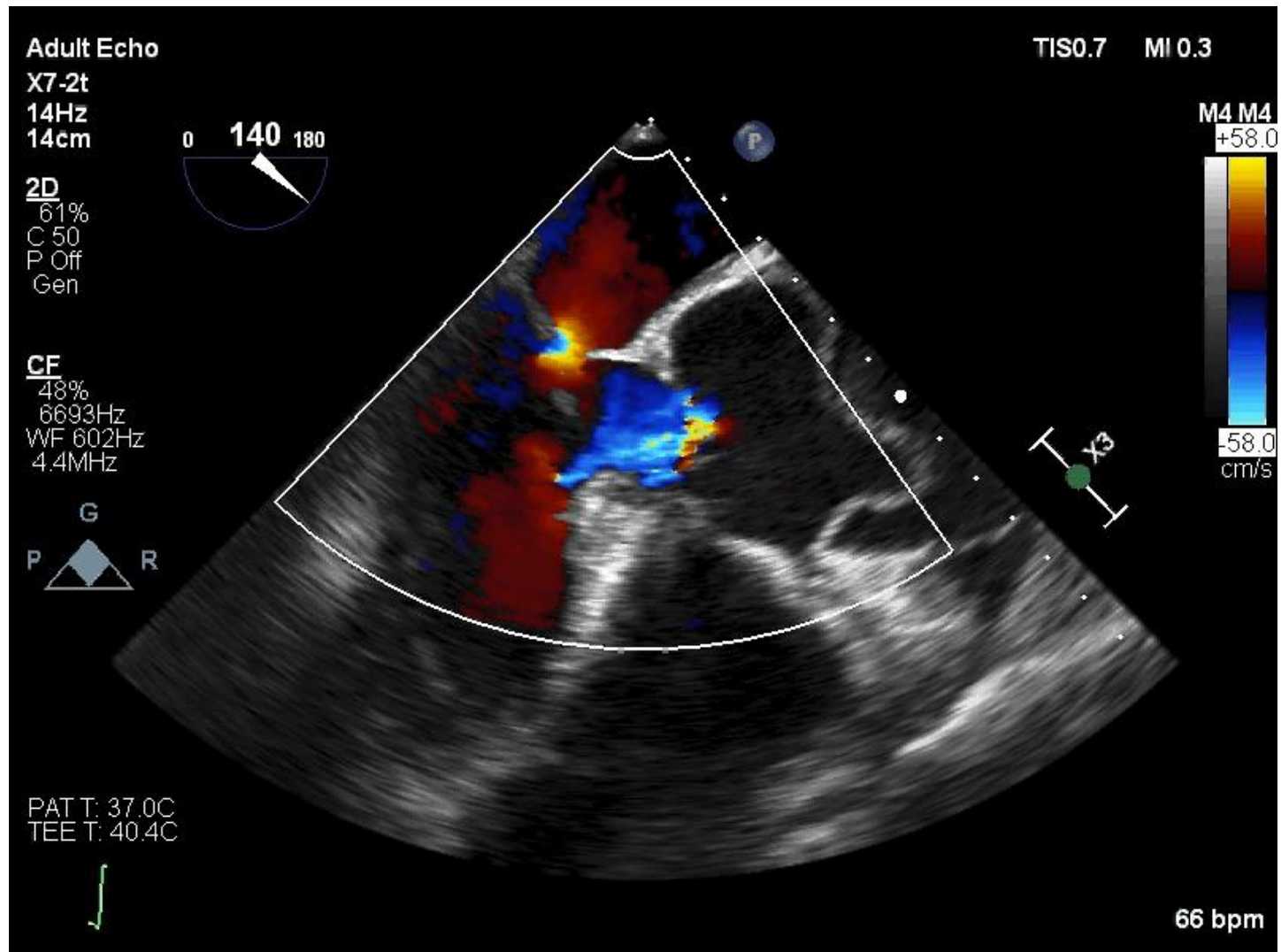
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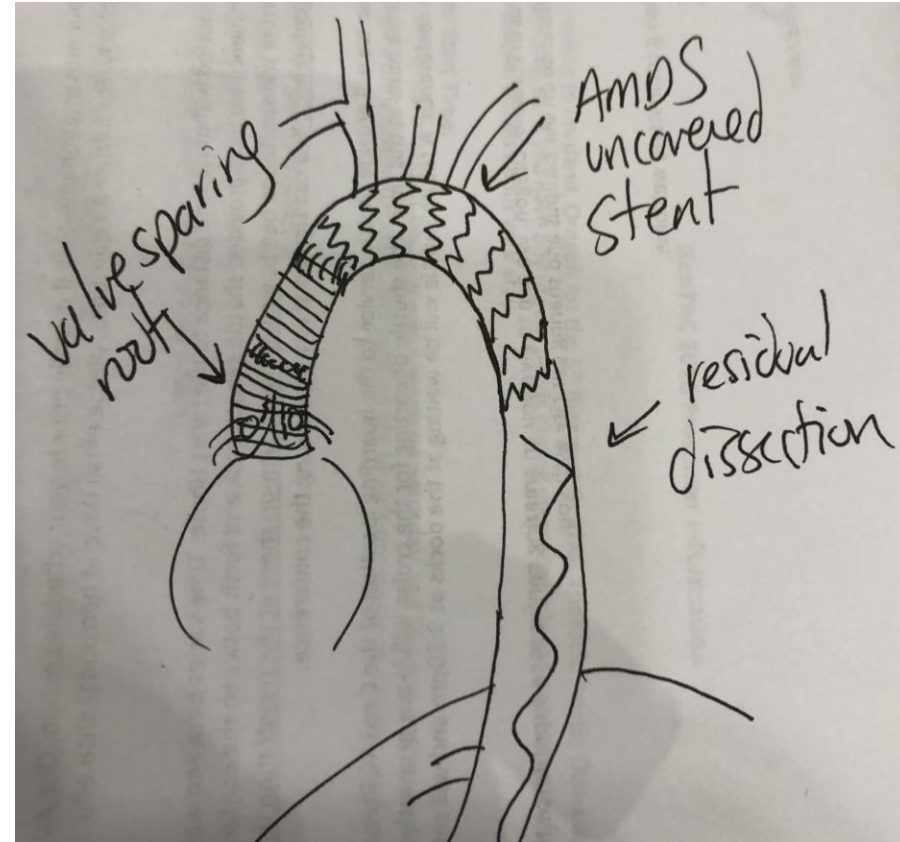


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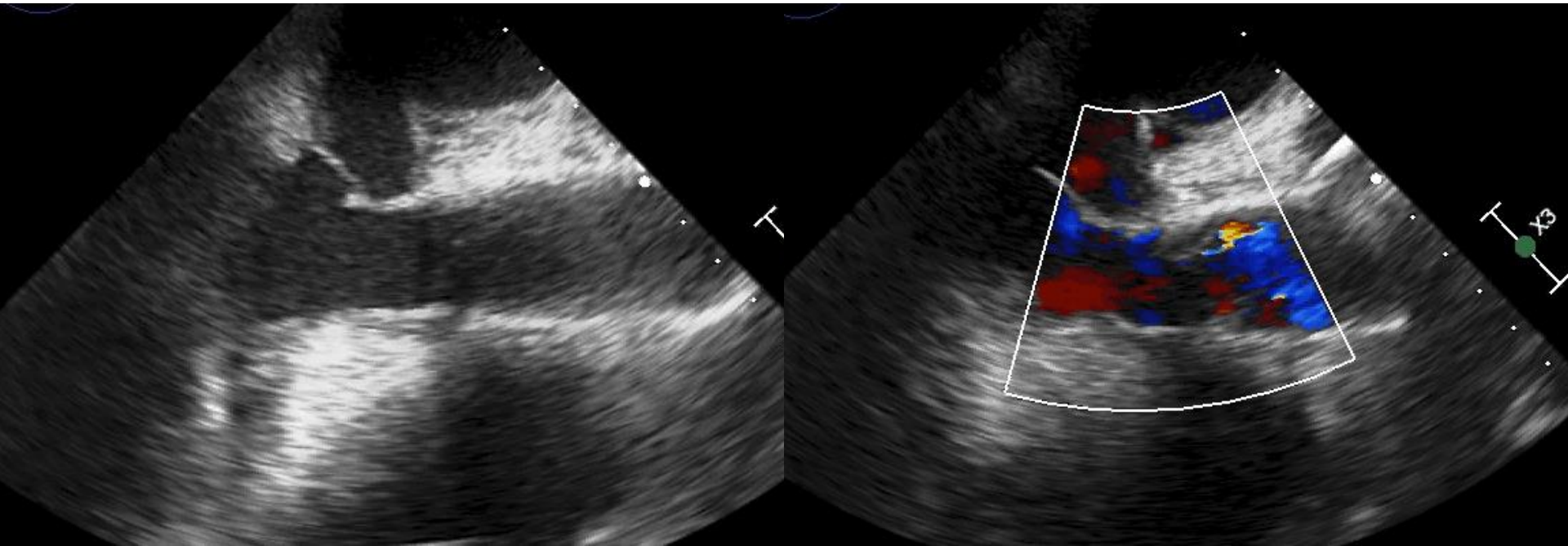
Surgical approach

- Innominate artery
- Central venous
- Cool to 22 °C – ACP
- Large root aneurysm
- Tear in ascending aorta
- Valve sparing root
- Deployment AMDS stent
- 28 mm graft at level of proximal arch



Case 2: Mr KJ

Post pump TEE: Assess proximal aorta / valve repair
Cusp prolapse, coaptation length/height, AI
Coronary flow, heart function

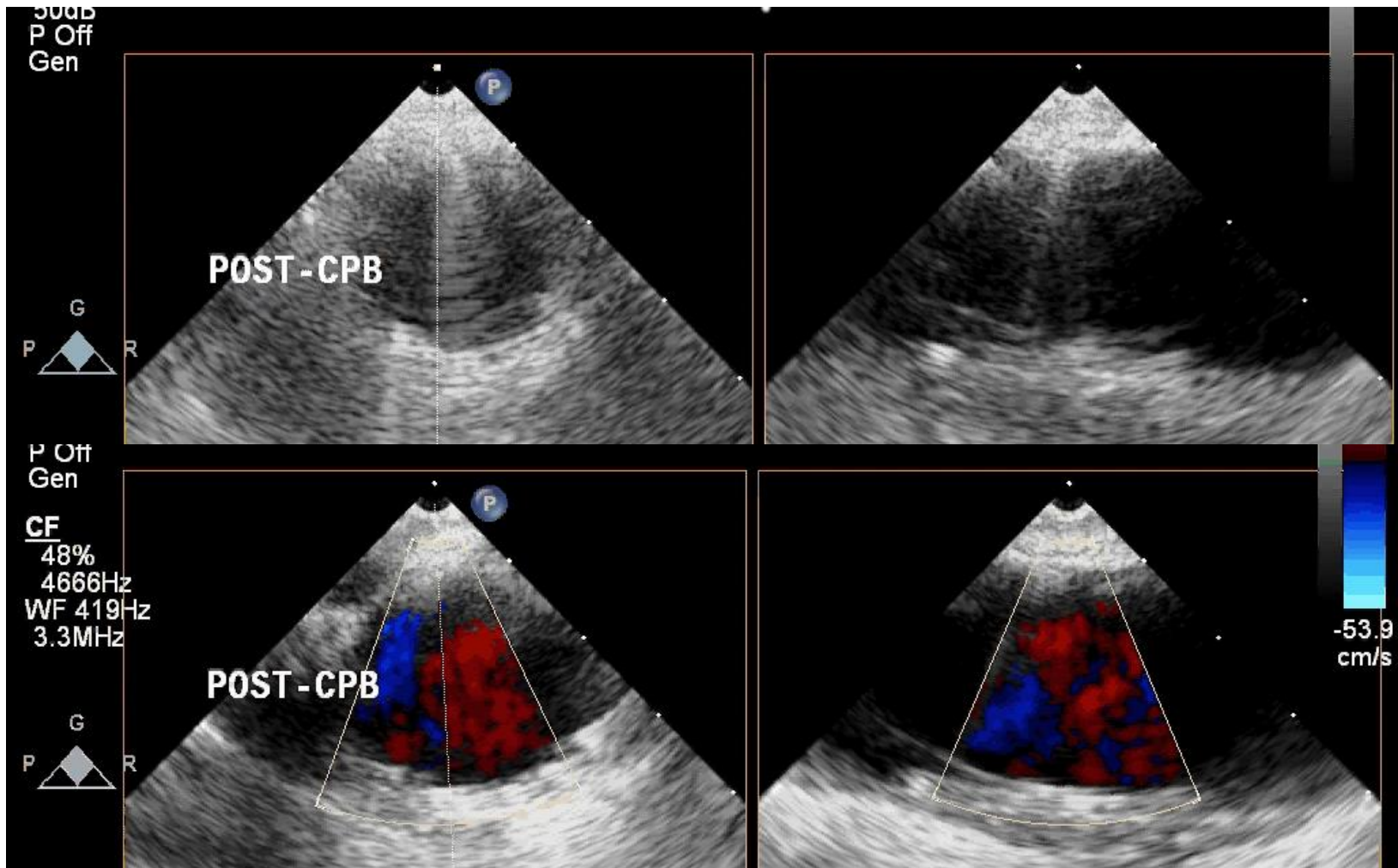


Post pump TEE: Assess distal aorta

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True/false lumen flow

Frozen elephant trunk - stent expansion, flow



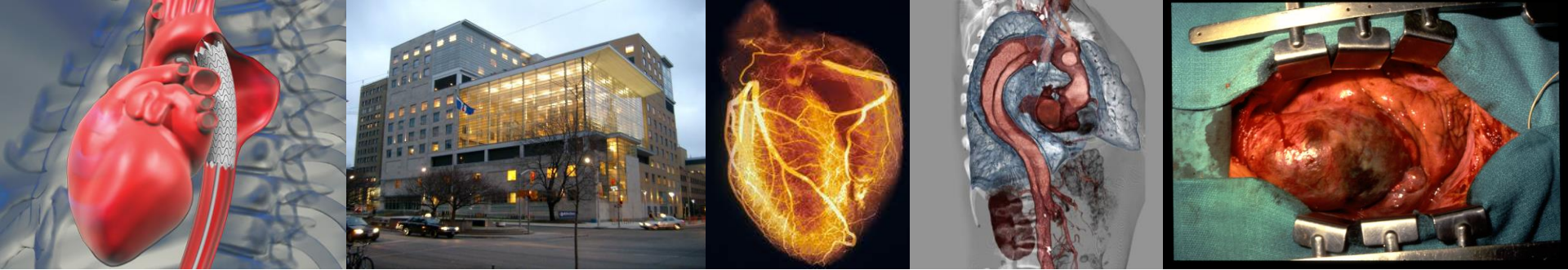
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Summary

- Repair of type A dissection remains a challenge
- Surgical considerations include cannulation site, heart and brain protection, extent of proximal and distal resection
- Intraoperative TEE guidance is crucial to assessing initial pathology and repair





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